

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable information terminal comprising a first body, a second body, and a slide mechanism for coupling the two bodies so that the two bodies are slidable in a direction, wherein,

5 the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so as to take a first state where the second body overlaps the rear of the first body with a behind/front positional relationship, and a second state where the two bodies are moved away from each other in the direction,

10 the first body in the first state includes a portion not overlapped by the second body at one end in the direction, and a camera unit is provided in the portion not overlapped.

2. The portable information terminal according to claim 1, wherein,

15 the first body and the second body are respectively formed so as to gradually become thicker in depth direction from one side to the other side along the direction, and thick parts and thin parts of the two bodies are respectively arranged in

20 the behind/front positional relationship, and

 the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so that the thick part of the first body is movable toward the one side, and the thick part of the second body is movable toward the other side opposed to the one side.

3. A portable information terminal comprising a first body, a second body, and a slide mechanism for slidably coupling the two bodies, wherein,

each of the first body and the second body constitutes
5 a thin and flat body where a dimension in height direction is
larger than a dimension in depth direction, as well as the
dimension in width direction is larger than the dimension in
height direction, and the thin and flat body has an outer
appearance that the dimension in the depth direction becomes
10 gradually thinner from one end to the other end in the width
direction,

the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second
body so that an entire body is in both the first state where
the two bodies are overlapped, and the second state where the
15 two bodies are extended,

the first body and the second body respectively include
portions not overlapped in the first state, at the positions
where the dimensions in the depth direction become the thickest,
and

20 the first body is provided with a camera unit in the portion
not overlapped in the first state.

4. The portable information terminal according to claim 3,
wherein,

25 the body is provided with an operation button of the camera

unit along the width direction.

5. The portable information terminal according to claim 3,
wherein,

5 the first body comprises a first speaker section arranged
at a position opposed to the camera unit, and a second speaker
section arranged at a portion of the second body not overlapped
in the first state.

10 6. The portable information terminal according to claim 5,
wherein,

the first body is provided with a display section and
a function keys section, and

15 the display section and the function keys section are
arranged between the first speaker section and the second speaker
section.

7. A portable information terminal comprising a first body
including a display section and a function keys section, a second
20 body including a ten keys section, and a slide mechanism for
coupling the two bodies slidably, wherein,

each of the first body and the second body constitutes
a thin and flat body where a dimension in height direction is
larger than a dimension in depth direction, as well as the
25 dimension in width direction is larger than the dimension in

height direction, and the thin and flat body has an outer appearance that the dimension in the depth direction becomes gradually thinner from one end to the other end in the width direction,

5 the slide mechanism couples the first body and the second body so that an entire body is in both the first state where the two bodies are overlapped, and the second state where the two bodies are extended,

10 the first body includes a portion not overlapped in the first state at the thickest portion in the depth direction, and the portion not overlapped is arranged on the backside of the body,

15 the second body includes a portion not overlapped in the first state at the thickest portion in the depth direction, and the portion not overlapped is arranged on the front side of the body,

20 the first body comprises a camera unit provided in the portion not overlapped in the first state, and a first speaker section provided on the front surface of the body opposed to the camera unit,

 the second body comprises a second speaker section provided in the portion not overlapped in the first state,

25 the display section and the function keys section are arranged between the first speaker section and the second speaker section in the first state, and

the ten keys section is exposed on the front surface of the second body in the second state.

8. The A portable information terminal according to claim 7,
5 wherein,

the second body is provided with an operation button of the camera unit along the width direction.

9. A portable information terminal according to claim 7, wherein,
10 the second body is provided with a battery which is detachably arranged on the backside.